

PRETTY STORY FROM FAR EAST

Kuropatkin and Japanese War
Minister Warm Friends.

MET 20 YEARS AGO IN PARIS

EXCHANGE OF PRESENTS JUST
BEFORE THE WAR.

(Correspondence of the Associated
Press.)

Tokio, Nov. 8.—An interesting story of the great struggle at arms between Japan and Russia lies in a long established personal friendship between General Terauchi, minister of war of Japan, and General Kuropatkin, commander-in-chief of the Russian armies in Manchuria, and an exchange of presents between them on the eve of war. Kuropatkin and Terauchi met in Paris twenty years ago. Terauchi, then a major, was military attaché to the Japanese legation in the French capital and Kuropatkin, a major general at that time, went to France to observe the military maneuvers. The two soldiers met first officially and there soon sprang up between them a feeling of warm friendship and regard. They parted in Paris and did not meet until Kuropatkin came to Japan last year. The lapse of years had brought increased rank and direct portfolios for both, and their reunion was an interesting one.

Presents of Swords.
Events were then moving rapidly toward war, but the rupture had not come and the two ministers met as friends and freely enjoyed the reunion. When Kuropatkin was about to leave Japan for home Terauchi presented to him a Japanese sword with a blade of the finest workmanship and an interesting history. When he reached St. Petersburg Kuropatkin gave an order for the manufacture of a Russian sword for his friend Terauchi. It was finished and despatched in December and reached the Japanese capital a week before Togo's guns opened fire on Port Arthur.

A somewhat peculiar thing about the Russian sword is that it reached Tokyo with the blade keenly sharpened, a custom followed by officers as a rule only in time of war, and among the few who knew of the existence of the weapon there has been much discussion as to why it was sharpened. The sword is a handsome weapon. It is shaded more like a sabre than the conventional sword of the time. It has a handle of gold, and the black scabbard in which it rests is tipped with gold.

Respect For Kuropatkin.
Despite the gulf that divides the two peoples, despite the fact that their soldiers and skill are pitted in a gigantic struggle, Terauchi speaks fondly and respectfully of his old soldier friend. Indeed throughout all Japan Kuropatkin is held in distinct respect by the people at large, many of whom believe that he had been at home in Russia last year the men who made the war would never have gained the ascendancy.

INDICTED FOR ROBBERY.
Auburn, Cal., Dec. 10.—The grand jury has found an indictment against Adolph Weber for the robbery of the Placer county bank.

PEOPLE OF ARIZONA PROTEST AGAINST THE STATEHOOD BILL

Washington, Dec. 10.—The senate committee on territories, at a meeting this morning, decided to postpone action on the statehood bill until next week.

The bill was read and discussed, but owing to the absence of some of the members' action was not taken. After the meeting Senator Beveridge, chairman of the committee, said that the committee undoubtedly would take favorable action on the bill. Another meeting will be held on Monday.

The people of Arizona have made protest against the feature of the bill which consolidates that territory with New Mexico as one state and have asked for a hearing, which the committee evinces a disposition to grant.

Senator Bard of California, a member of the committee, today announced opposition to consolidation, expressing the opinion that the statehood bill should not be forced on the people of Arizona in opposition to their wishes, and saying that the failure of the bill is probable in its passage in its present shape. As the committee stands, it consists of six Republican and four Democratic members, and if the four Democrats oppose the measure, as is expected they will, the vote of the committee will be a tie. This result can be averted, however, by filling the Republican vacancy on the committee caused by the death of Senator Quay, and it is expected that action will be taken. The bill probably will not be reported until after the holiday recess.

ANXIOUS MOTHER FINDS LOST TOT UNDER AN ALIAS AT POLICE STATION

Wearing a look of anguish, Mrs. Josephine Sullivan came to police headquarters last night and told of the sudden disappearance of her 9-year-old son from the Kearns orphanage. She found him in the city jail, where he had been calmly claiming the name of "Gerald Burns."

The anxious mother had read of a lost child who had been found by the police, and wanted to see him. The lad had given the name of Gerald Burns, and told the officers that he had been left by his parents in an old, empty house whence they had moved. Since Tuesday he has been in the charge of the matron at the city jail, but his parents could not be found. She was told the last story, but when she learned that the child had not been called for, she asked to see him. She was taken to the matron's room.

Bursting into tears she sat on the cot beside him, and with only the tenderness of a mother, picked him up in her arms and aroused him. As soon as the child was awake he pleaded with his mother not to send him back to the orphanage.

"Let me stay here, mamma," he pleaded. "Mrs. Pickett is good to me and I don't want to go back to school. Bring sister here, too, mamma, and let us live in the jail all the time."

The child was again tucked in his bed by Mrs. Sullivan, and she kissed him and waited until he was sound asleep. But today she intends to call for her son, "Jimmy," and take him back to the orphanage.

SCIENTISTS SOLVE THE PROBLEM OF THE WISE HORSE OF GERMANY

Berlin, Dec. 10.—Dr. Carl Stumpf, professor of physiology at the university of Berlin and a member of the Royal Academy of Science, and two colleagues, Dr. C. von Hornbostel and Dr. O. Pfahlgut, have ended months of experiments with Von Osten's horse, Hans. They find that the secret of the animal's replies is in his powers of observation, which enable him to perceive what he looks at his questioner. The instant he has reached a correct answer, thus they found that the horse was unable to tap out a correct answer to a question when the person putting it did not know the answer. For example:

"How many persons are in the group behind me?" The questioner did not look behind, and Hans did not give a correct reply, nor was he able when wearing blinkers to perform the simplest counting. Stumpf does not doubt the good faith of Von Osten, but he concluded that the horse's long training had taught him to detect the slightest changes in the behavior of the questioner as he reached the right number of hoof beats in spelling or in using the counting apparatus. This sharpness of observation in itself is most remarkable as the horse's movements or changes in expression invisible to others and of which the questioner is unconscious. This conception of the horse's abilities is the only one to cover all circumstances. Dr. Stumpf says he talked with Naturalist Schilling about this and Schilling agreed with him.

CROP BULLETIN.

Returns Made to the Chief of the Bureau of Statistics.

Washington, Dec. 10.—The crop bulletin issued today by the department of agriculture says:

Returns to the chief of the bureau of statistics of the department of agriculture indicate that the newly seeded area of winter wheat is about 21,155,000 acres, a decrease of 1.5 per cent from the area sown in the fall of 1903, as finally estimated. The condition of winter wheat on Dec. 1 was 82.9, as compared with 88.4 in 1902, 89.8 in 1901, and a ten-year average of 82.1. The acreage as compared with last year is 98.4 per cent.

The newly seeded area of winter rye is provisionally estimated at 94.7 per cent of the area sown in the fall of 1903. The condition of winter rye on Dec. 1 was 90.6, as compared with 92.7 on Dec. 1, 1903, 98.1 at the corresponding date in 1902, and 96.2, the mean of the December averages of the last ten years.

The percentage of acreage sown to winter rye this fall, as compared with that sown last year, is 86.7, the average condition Dec. 1, 1904 was 90.5. Corresponding averages for 1903 and 1902 were 92.7 and 98.1, respectively, and the mean of the December average of the last ten years 96.2.

Final estimates of the total acreage, production, and farm values of the principal crops for 1904 will be issued on Dec. 28 at 4 o'clock p. m.

"EDUCATION" IN CHINA.

Has a Striking Difference in Meaning and Application.

(Washington Post.)

Education in China is far different from the intellectual process which is associated with the term in America, for in all but exceptional cases the Chinese student aims only to enjoy the honors and emoluments of officialdom; knowledge for itself has no value. Every three years 10,000 or more students assemble in Peking for the official examinations. These consist, in large part, of mere juggling with literature that has been committed to memory, and have little relation to what we call knowledge. One of the Chinese teachers told a representative of the Presbyterian board of foreign missions that of the 10,000 who take the examinations, scarcely more than one-third can read the familiar matter, and not more than one-fifth can understand what they read.

When the examinations are in progress the town becomes a fair ground. The 10,000 students are accompanied by 50,000 friends, merchants, etc., and the place is a human bee hive, with a hundred people in every space which in America would be deemed crowded with ten. The men returning from the ordeal of the examination are languid and slow as they pass through the streets laden with their waste-paper baskets, manuscript bags, lamps, fans, umbrellas, and other impedimenta, and the newcomers bustle about to find lodgings and get ready for their turn before the examiners. Book stores from Canton and blue-urned gambling houses from everywhere occupy every available spot.

This gathering of the "educated" affords an opportunity for the American missionary to work with the class, and the work takes, naturally, a much different form from that followed in other Chinese fields. Meetings held, as described by a Presbyterian missionary, resemble a debating society. The room in which they are held is too small for the purpose, and hopes are entertained that large and more suitable quarters may soon be obtained.

IT WAS NO DREAM

Even Though Nearly Incredible.

For twenty years I suffered with piles, sometimes being confined to my bed for days at a time. The relief received from doctors, both in the United States and Mexico, was temporary and more frequently I received no relief; other medicines had no effect; it was a continual drag. I was fit for nothing. I finally tried Pyramid Pile Cure; first application was magical; I could not believe I was cured next morning. I experienced a relief I had not known for twenty years.

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METEOROLOGICAL REPORT.

Yesterday's Record at the Local Office of the Weather Bureau.

Maximum temperature, 42 degrees; minimum temperature, 23 degrees; mean temperature, 32.5 degrees. Accumulated deficiency of precipitation since the first of the month, 8.5 degrees. Accumulated deficiency of precipitation since Jan. 1, 1904, 194 degrees. Total precipitation from 6 p. m. to 5 p. m., trace. Accumulated excess of precipitation since the first of the month, 50 inch. Accumulated excess of precipitation since the first of January, 50 inch.

NEW SERVIAN CABINET.

Belgrade, Dec. 10.—The new cabinet is as follows: Premier and minister for foreign affairs, M. Pasic; minister of finance, M. Pasic; minister of the interior, M. Pasic; minister of war, M. Putnik; minister of public works, M. Velimirovic; minister of commerce, M. Adamovics; minister of justice and education, M. Nikolic.

ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED.

Washington, Dec. 10.—Senator Newlands of Nevada today announced the engagement of his youngest daughter, Frances, to Lieutenant Leopold von Bredow of the German army. Lieutenant von Bredow is an officer of the cuirassier regiment of the guard, stationed at Berlin. He was an attaché of the German embassy at Washington during 1903.

Reflections of a Bachelor.

(New York Press.)
It is the person with the India rubber conscience who has a cast-iron digestion. No woman is so kind as to suppose handsome men eat only to see with. Women seem to count their children's brains by the number of teeth that come through.

A woman would like to be rich so she could give pennies to the poor and pearl necklaces to herself.

When a girl has had the nightmare you can generally tell it by the way she says she eats no more than a bird.

Sum Total of It.

(Chicago News.)
The sick man's regular physician had called in two other bill dispensers for a consultation.

"Well," said one of the new arrivals, "have you summed up the case thoroughly?"

"Only to the amount of \$50 so far," answered the M. D. in charge.

A Mean Trick.

(Philadelphia Bulletin.)
David—Does Jimmie talk back when his wife starts to howl at him?

Samson—Not any more. He couldn't keep pace with her so he put his "holer" in a talking machine and starts up that on her.

The Remedy.

(Detroit Free Press.)
Thoughtless—I'd give anything to know how to break any wife of the habit of scolding me.

Wisebody—Did you ever try stopping her mouth with a kiss?

Couldn't Fool Him.

(New York Telegram.)
"Got a letter from me?"

"Name, please?"

"Say, can't you see the name on the letter?"

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